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GET SMALL LOOT.

The New Point Post Office Safe is Blown--\$15 is the Booty.

Postmaster George Lentz, of the New Point postoffice, is \$15 short in his postal funds, and while he can account for the shortage, he cannot give the name or names of those who took it, but he is fully satisfied as to their calling.

Last week, March 24, a terrific explosion was heard in New Point by many of the citizens, who were awakened by the noise, but none ventured out individually. Shortly after, however, quite a number went out on the street to investigate. Among these was George Lentz, general merchant and postmaster. He with several went to his store, and he found the cause of the explosion.

The safe in the store, which was also used by him for the safe keeping of the postal funds, was found to have been blown, and the safe door torn from its hinges, and lay before them on the floor.

Only \$15 of postal funds was in the safe at the time. This is accounted for by the fact that Mr. Lentz makes prompt remittances to Uncle Sam, and checks and drafts he rarely keeps in his safe. No postage stamps or other valuable postal property was in the safe.

As soon as possible, Mr. Lentz got Sheriff Gelvin by telephone, and he and his deputy, Fred Cook, were soon on the ground, and an investigation was started, and all parties were prevented from entering or tramping around the premises. The Bridgeman, Bigelow blood hounds were called for and they were soon on the scene, being brought over by auto.

The dogs got on the trail immediately, which followed a light vehicle track as far as the catch Mill, on the Nodaway, the dogs going some 25 miles, here and there, following the trail; but, on account of the rain, the trail was finally lost.

Postal officials from the St. Joseph division are making investigation. It is doubtful if the thief is ever caught, as no definite clew exists, and the amount taken is so very small.

The New Point postoffice was robbed once before; this was on the night of Sept. 28, 1888; March 24, 1916.

Bigelow postoffice was robbed Oct. 10, 1908; \$15 was secured; April 27, 1884; \$65 in cash and \$100 in stamps was secured.

The Craig postoffice was robbed Nov. 8, 1875, small amount of cash was taken. March 16th, 1894; \$300 in cash and stamps taken. Homer Reed was given 2 years for the robbery.

Jan. 16, 1908, the postmaster was confided out of \$860 of postal funds. Jan. 7, 1906, \$226 was taken from the office.

The Forest City office was robbed on Sept. 26, 1894; the loot was 12 cents in cash and \$125 in stamps. April 29, 1893, a small amount was taken. A mail pouch was stolen from the depot platform July 19, 1893.

The Forbes office was robbed Dec. 1, 1890; loot was small. Sept. 18, 1898, the cancellation stamps belonging to the office were stolen.

O. H. S. NOTES.

The last game of the basketball season was played on the home court with Bigelow. The result was a victory for the Bigelow team. The boys were well pleased both from a financial standpoint and number of games won, considering that this was the first year's playing for nearly all the boys. Enough profit was made to pay the rent on the basketball field for the coming season—to the end of school. It is hoped that the patronage will be as good for base ball as it was for basketball.

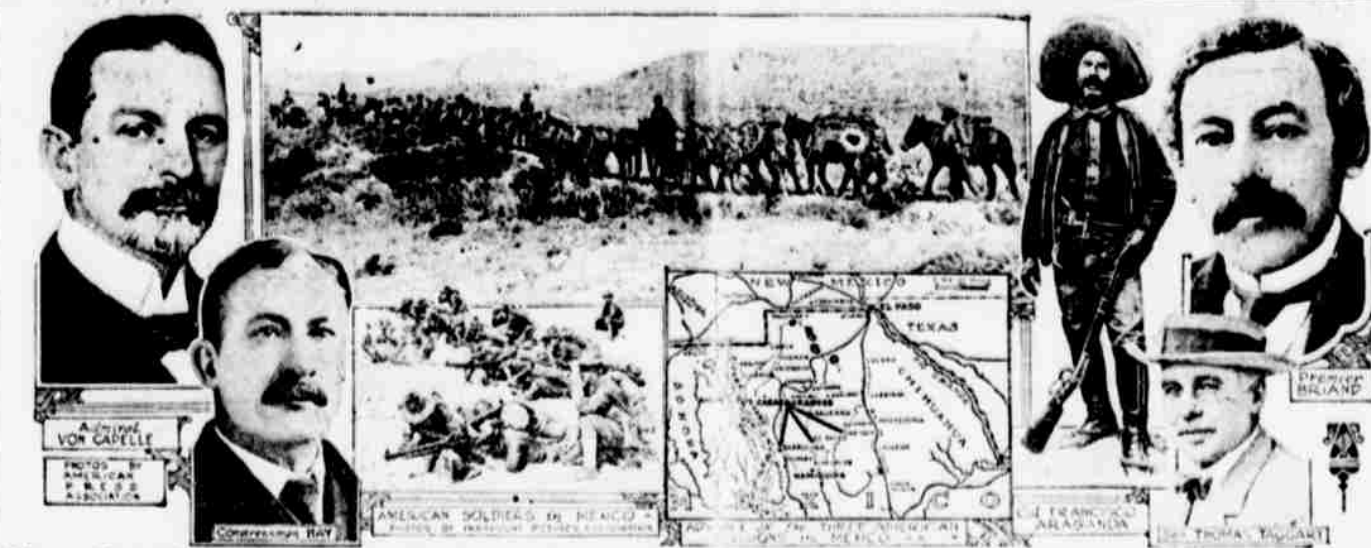
On Friday evening, March 31, at 7:45, the literary society will give an entertainment, consisting of a program of music by the H. S. and one of readings by Mrs. Calkins, of St. Joseph. Mrs. Calkins is the wife of Rev. Calkins, who is known personally by many of the people of Oregon.

A letter was received by the H. S. from Rev. J. H. Thompson, former pastor of the Oregon M. E. church, but now at Ridgeway, Mo., saying that Helen Harkness Calkins gave a program in his town which was one of the best they had ever had. She has given several programs in neighboring towns and all were highly pleased. Let every one who possibly can come out Friday night. If we are to have these entertainments we must have the patronage of the people. So far the support has been good. Let us keep it going.

The Senior class had their second meeting for the consideration of a class play on Tuesday of this week. Miss Ina Botkin is to be the director this year. The members of this year's class are: Jay Petree, Herman Schulte, Lester Bailey, Russell Toeherman, Henry Geil, Francis Dawson, Fred Knoble, Byron Murray, Mildred Koock, Mildred King, Gladys Moore, Lucy Ellen Brown, Mary Lacey, Margery Fitzmaurice, Edith Hinde, Hallie Buntz, Ruth Dissinger, Bertha Reynolds.

The faculty and pupils wish to extend their thanks to the P. E. O.'s and the Woman's Union for the aid in furnishing for the new high school building.

George V. Hinkle and Miss Hortense R. Simpson, of the Forest City neighborhood, were married in Kansas City, Monday, March 20. The Sentinel joins with their many friends in congratulations.

News Snapshots
Of the Week

Reaching Casas Grandes, General Pershing's punitive expedition into Mexico against Villa spread out into three sections to cut off the bandit. Traces of the enemy were met with, but no stand was made against the Americans, although Chazana's troops, working northward, gave fight to Villa and Arana, second in command of the bandits. In Europe the fighting around Verdun continued, with less severity, while Germany's enemies met in Paris to form a closer entente, headed by Premier Briand.

France. Following the placing of Admiral von Capelle at the head of the German navy, factions have arisen which are working to send Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg into retirement and restore Von Tirpitz. Governor Raibson of Indiana named Thomas Tazart to succeed the late Senator Stively. In the preparedness fight in congress the bill fathered by Representative Hay of Virginia for the enlargement of the army was passed.

CIRCUIT COURT.

The Circuit Court is now in session, in accordance with adjournment two weeks ago, and Judge Barnes is trying to do what he can to clear the docket as far as possible. But few cases have been tried.

The following cases have been disposed of up to the time of going to press:

Taylor J. Loudon vs. Allen Loudon, et al; partition. Motion of Fannie Orr and Wm. Orr to be made parties defendants and subrogated to the interest of Eloessie Tracey and her husband; sustained.

D. W. Jessup vs. D. E. McDonald; damages. Plaintiff has leave to file amended petition.

Emma Stephenson vs. Jesse Correy; damages. Continued to May term.

Greene & Greene vs. Jas. R. Brown; suit on contract. Continued to May term.

All the cases of the parties bringing suit against the C. R. & Q. railroad for damages alleged to have been caused to crop by the overflow of 1915 were continued to the May term.

A. W. VanCamp vs. Hugh Cass; suit on note. Continued for want of service.

Jno. F. Iden and James Bunker vs. Jas. E. Rhodes; ejectment. Continued to May term.

In the case of petition for incorporation of Squaw Creek Drainage District No. 2, objectors file plea to jurisdiction. This motion was argued at length Tuesday afternoon and evening by W. H. Richards for the petitioners and Judge O'Fallon for the objectors. The court has it under advisement.

William G. Andes vs. John H. Shipley; there were two suits, and on a note. The jury gave a verdict for plaintiff in both cases—one for \$1000, and the second for \$2500.

Martin Graham vs. Edward Foster; contract. Motion for cost bond sustained; plaintiff has 30 days in which to file bond.

The suit of James C. Tracy vs. Mathias Thomas is a suit for damages alleged to have occurred to the plaintiff by reason of the defendant's having insecurely, as the plaintiff alleges, repaired a certain place in the public road, known as the "Bluff road," between Mound City and Forest City. Plaintiff is a doctor, and uses an automobile in attending his patients at different places. The defendant, it is alleged, is a member of the County Highway Board of Holt County, and that he, himself, with the aid of his agents, servants and employees, "unlawfully, carelessly and negligently attempted to repair" said road and widen the same, so that travelers could avoid a mudhole adjacent thereto, and that, in doing so, they cut down certain Osage orange hedge trees on the side of the road, so that the stumps thereof protruded and extended several inches above the surface of the ground, and piled hedge brush and loose dirt in and around and upon said stumps, in an unlawful and careless and negligent manner, so that said stumps were partially obscured from the view of passersby, and so that said portion of the road had the appearance of being safe and suitable for the public to travel, but that, in truth and fact was unfit, unsafe and dangerous for travel by reason of the said stumps, hedge brush and loose dirt so carelessly placed and left there. Plaintiff says that on the day of July, 1915, he was driving his automobile along said portion of said highway, and that said loose dirt and brush collapsed and gave way, and that his automobile ran into and collided with said stumps, badly damaging and wrecking his said automobile, so that he could not use the same for several weeks; and that he was compelled to expend the sum of \$227.47 for repairs thereto and installing the same, etc., and that he was deprived of the use of his said automobile so long because thereof, that he paid out \$65 for other means of conveyance, making a total of \$292.47, for which he asks judgment. Case was heard by a jury, which gave a verdict for the defendant.

The jury was discharged Wednesday, but the court was in session at the time of our going to press.

Ranks Are Thinning.

After a long illness William C. Opel, a veteran of the civil war, for over 40 years a resident of Holt county, and in all these years has grown to be recognized as one of our very best citizens, greatly esteemed by all who knew him, died at his home in this city, Saturday, March 25, 1916. He was for years, since 1868, identified with the German M. E. church, and until overtaken by the infirmities of age, was ever active in this work, doing his part to advance the cause of his Master.

Mr. Opel was born in Bavaria, Germany, November 14, 1837, and was therefore in his 79th year at his death. He came to his adopted country, landing in New York, in 1854, after a voyage of 95 days. He located in Decatur county, Indiana, where he engaged in farming, and on the coming of the Civil War, he enlisted in the 7th Indiana Infantry, and participated in many of the important battles in which the army of the Potomac was engaged, being wounded at the battle of the "Wilderness."

He was married to Catherine Troutman, October 4, 1864, in Indiana, and in the fall of 1868, he and wife removed to Woodford county, Illinois, where they resided until 1871, when the family removed to Morris county, Kansas. In the fall of 1874 they came to Holt county, locating in Nodaway township, in the Richville district. In 1891 Mr. Opel and wife retired from active farm life, and purchased a cozy little home in Oregon, where they alone with the companionship of their little grandson, George Polly, have spent their rapidly declining years. Mr. Opel is survived by his wife, and three children—Lew W., of High River, Canada; George W., in California, and Mrs. Anna C. Lewis, of Sadorus, Illinois. A daughter, Mrs. John Polk, died in St. Joseph, April 5, 1909. Father Opel is also survived by six grandchildren, one brother and one sister.

Funeral services were held from the Methodist Church, on Tuesday 28th inst., conducted by his pastor, Rev. W. L. Meyer, of the German M. E. church, who was assisted by Rev. T. D. Roberts.

Mr. Opel was a member of Meyer Post, G. A. R., which sent a beautiful floral token, and he was buried in Maple Grove cemetery, with the honors of the Grand Army of the Republic.

A detail from the Sons of Veterans acted as the pall bearers.

Sure, They Are Married.

Dr. Henry Minton, Jr., son of the late Dr. J. R. Minton, is a married man, but it was not generally known that he had become a benedict—but he has.

On September 4, last, 1915, the Doctor and Miss Edna Dunn, of St. Joseph, were married in Kansas City, and in a day or two the Doctor left his young bride, kissing her a fond good-bye, leaving her with her parents at St. Joseph, and took his departure for Portland, Oregon, where the Doctor entered a medical college and began his studies. The marriage all this time has been kept a secret from the more interested parties until the past week, when it was made known by the young wife, by informing her parents she was going to Portland to join her husband.

The husband is a nephew of Mrs. W. H. Alkire, of this city, and Mrs. Minton came up last week for a visit with her aunt, and remained until Tuesday of this week, when she took her departure for Portland to join her husband.

NEW IMPROVEMENTS.

Kennedy & Pullen, contractors and builders, report contracts closed for the following new residences, additions and other improvements:

A second story to be added to the Will Schulte home, and the house to be made modern and up-to-date in every respect.

John Noelsch, a new residence, 2 stories, 34x34, 8 rooms, with all modern improvements.

Mrs. Flora Hinde, a handsome new porch.

Mrs. John Hibbard, bath room, kitchen, etc.

REMEMBER THE BIG SNOW.

Forty Years Ago Today a Great Storm Swept Over All This Part of the Country.

Forty years ago today—March 27, 1876—a very heavy snow and wind storm, a storm so unusual that it is still vividly remembered, and often spoken of by persons old enough to recall it, swept northwestern Missouri and northeastern Kansas. There were only two or three weather records kept in this part of the country at that time. From the one kept at Oregon, Mo., by William Kaucher, father of Lawrence Kaucher, of St. Joseph, Mo., the following entry for that date is taken:

"Intermittent rain and sleet on the 26th, turned to snow at 7 a. m. of the 27th. The snow continued to fall all that day and night until 2 a. m. of the 28th. On the morning of the 28th, the average depth of snow on the ground on the level was fifteen inches. There were drifts three to four feet deep."

George Tector, of 923 North Fifth street, says that on account of the high wind, fallen trees, deep drifts, and blinding snow, he was unable to go from his store downtown to his home on North Fifth street the night of March 27. After making several unsuccessful attempts to find his way, he returned to the store and remained there all night.

During the storm the temperature was only a few degrees below freezing. Much of the snow melted within a few days, but the drifts two feet deep were noted at Oregon April 8, and the drifts did not all disappear until the middle of April.—News-Press, St. Joseph, Mo., March 27, 1916.

From an Old Friend.

Mrs. Mary L. McKnight, a former resident of this city, writes us as follows from Sioux City, Iowa, her present home, under date of March 25: "We are having a little snow this morning. We are all well. Sioux City is prospering under prohibition laws, and the equal suffrage law, which is being opposed by our anti-suffragist organization, lately organized, announces itself ready for argument, but I do not think any notice is being taken of it. As Mrs. Stanton said, more than 40 years ago, in the court house at Oregon, 'woman suffrage is coming as sure as the sun rises and sets.' And my husband said after hearing Mrs. Stanton, 'No man can answer that argument—I am going to vote for her for president.' My sympathies are with my home states—Ohio and Missouri, in the struggle for prohibition and equal suffrage."

Kinsey School Closed.

On Friday, March 24, Cortez Meadows closed a very successful term of school at Kinsey. Mr. Meadows is one of the best instructors in the county.

It was a stormy day, but a large crowd of patrons of the district showed their interest in the school by coming through the rain, bringing well filled baskets. After every one had ate of the many good things which the ladies of Kinsey sure can prepare, tables were cleared away, and we then listened to an interesting program prepared by teacher and pupils.

Y. P. A. Notes.

Mrs. Charley Bartram was the leader of a very interesting meeting last Sunday. Her subject was on "Home Missionaries." The attendance was good, and all enjoyed the duet sang by Miss Ruby Hanna and her little brother, Master James.

The meeting next Sunday will be led by Mr. Charley Slagley. The topic will be, "The Consolation of Time." These meetings are well worth attending. Come, you are welcome.

RALPH FRY.

Roy Campbell and family left Tuesday of this week for Holyoke, Colorado, where they expect to make their future home. Sorry, indeed, to lose such people.

Meyer Post, G. A. R.

It has been the custom of our comrade, G. W. Cummins, and his good wife, in the past several years to entertain the members of Meyer Post on the anniversary of Comrade Cummins' birthday, and as his 72d milestone was reached on this 29th day of March, 1916, the following comrades answered the roll call last Saturday, March 25, 1916: G. W. Cummins, W. H. Hardman, Robt. Montgomery, A. W. VanCamp, Dan Zachman, Dan Kunkel, Fred Mark, T. C. Fuller, B. F. Morgan, F. S. Morgan, Wm. Turnham, John Jones, D. F. Dobyns, Earl Cooper, Henry Peret, Tom Frey, Rev. T. D. Roberts.

Commander Cummins called the Post to order; prayer by Chaplain Hardman; minutes last meeting read and approved.

We have just heard of the passing away of our esteemed comrade, W. C. Opel. On motion of Comrade Dobyns two of our number were detailed to wait on Mrs. Opel to know her wishes as to the Post taking part in the funeral; motion carried and the officer of the day detailed Comrades R. F. Morgan and Daniel Zachman.

On the good will of the order, a clipping from an Iowa paper entitled "Patriotism Worth While," also a clipping from a St. Louis paper, "The Passing of the Veterans," was read. We had some interesting discussions and reminiscences by Comrades Roberts, Montgomery, VanCamp and Kunkel.

Comrade Daniel Zachman extended an invitation to the Post to meet at his home on our regular meeting in May, and of Comrade Daniel Kunkel, to meet at his home regular meeting in June, all of which invitations were enthusiastically accepted.

Now comes Sister Cummins and her daughter, Mrs. Seelig, with greetings, and pin a beautiful carnation on the breast of each comrade, and invites us to the dining room, where we are seated at two tables. We have with us at the table as our guest, Rev. Clagett, pastor of the Presbyterian church, who invoked the blessing, and we are served with an elegant luncheon. The tables and rooms are tastefully decorated with flowers and flags. Nothing stirs the heart of an old veteran more than to sit or stand under the folds of Old Glory.

Mrs. Cummins was assisted by Mrs. Seelig, Mrs. Guy Cummins and Mrs. Harry Duncan. The customary salute of three times three was given, and a vote of thanks returned for our pleasant entertainment, wishing for Mr. and Mrs. Cummins many peaceful years.

Of course, Comrade Kunkel had to sing "Marching Through Georgia," and we all joined in the chorus and adjourned.

F. S. MORGAN, Adjutant.

Next week the Sentinel will publish a "write-up" of the splendid display of school work, sent in to the county meeting, at Mound City, last Saturday, by the school children of Holt county.

We greatly enjoyed a visit last Saturday, from Prof. Lloyd Thatcher, who is now in charge of the Consolidated High School, No. 1, and we are pleased to learn from patrons of the district that he is making good in every way.

Ed McFarland and wife and Ed Casteel and wife, have returned from St. Joseph, Nebraska, where they attended the funeral of their grandmother, Mrs. Nancy Jane Kinney, whose obituary appears elsewhere in this issue.

Mrs. Adair, living on the Mrs. Casandy Kelley place, in the Union district, accidentally fell Monday, of this week, March 27, and broke her leg. Dr. Wood was called and rendered the necessary medical attention and relief.

James Fulton, of Hebron, Neb., many years ago a resident of Oregon, was visiting here, this week, the guest of his uncles, G. W. and James E. Cummins, and his aunts, Mrs. R. C. Anderson and Mrs. A. VanBuskirk and family.

Licenses to marry were issued in Kansas City yesterday to Albert H. Banks, of Oregon, Mo., and Florence M. Wyatt, of St. Joseph, and John Hall, of Forest City, Mo., and Helen Harvey, of St. Joseph.—Kansas City Star, March 21.

The many friends of Mrs. Bonnie Tays, of St. Joseph, will regret to learn that her health has become such that an operation was found to be necessary, and which she underwent Tuesday of last week. Reports say she is doing as well as could be expected.

Weed Hinde, of Kansas City, is here with his mother, convalescing from a severe attack of typhoid fever. Weed never was very thick, and now he resembles a bean pole more than ever. His many friends here will be glad to learn that he is on the road to permanent recovery.

The Roy Campbell sale, held on March 23, near Oregon, was one, if not the best sales, ever held in the county for top-notch prices on every thing. Chickens brought \$1.10 a head; roosters, \$2.10; sows averaged \$50 per head; milk cows as high as \$100, and of course, Col. P. M. Babb was the auctioneer.

George Opel, of High River, Canada, but for the past few months a resident of near Los Angeles, California, where he has been for his health, arrived in Oregon, Monday evening, to be in attendance at his father's funeral, W. C. Opel, who died March 25. George will remain here for a time with his mother, before returning to his home in Canada.